

GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEDIA RULES

The House Communications Office administers press passes for media covering the Georgia House of Representatives. There are two types of passes available: a one day pass and a permanent pass for the two year General Assembly term.

RULES GOVERNING THE PRESS GALLERIES

1. Administration of the press galleries shall be vested in the House Communications Office.
2. Persons desiring admissions to the press galleries of the Georgia House Chamber shall make application in accordance with Rule 7 of the Georgia House of Representatives, subject to the direction and control of the Speaker, subject to review and approval by the House Communications Office.
3. The House Communications Office shall limit membership in the press galleries to bona fide correspondents of repute in their profession, under such rules as the House Communications Office shall prescribe.
4. An applicant for press credentials through the press galleries must establish to the satisfaction of the House Communications Office that he or she is a paid correspondent who requires on-site access to House Members and staff. Correspondents must be employed by a news organization:
 - (a) With the General Publication periodicals mailing privileges under U.S. Postal Service rules, and which publishes regularly; or
 - (b) Whose principal business is the regular dissemination of original news to a broad segment of the public.
5. The applicant must not be engaged in any lobbying or advocacy, advertising, publicity, or promotion for any individual, political party, group, corporation, organization, or a federal, state, or local government agency, or in prosecuting any claim before the House or any federal government department, and will not do so while a member of the press galleries.
6. The applicant's publications must be both editorially independent of any institution, foundation or interest group that lobbies the state government and also established principally as a general news organization.
7. Trade publications must apply for a day pass to the press galleries, but their press credentials will be revoked if found lobbying or advocating while on the House floor.

- 8.** Failure to provide information to the House Communications Office for this determination, or misrepresenting information, can result in the denial or revocation of credentials.
- 9.** Members of the families or correspondents are not entitled to the privileges of the press galleries.
- 10.** Media credential requests must include the name of the applicant, the media organization they are employed by, contact information (i.e. phone, fax, email, etc.), and a digital/electronic photo of the person requesting the credential.
- 11.** Anyone who has been issued a media credential by the House and is found to be in violation of Rule 4, of these policies, will have their media credential revoked, and will no longer be granted access to the House Chamber for the remainder of the calendar year.
- 12.** Any media credential that does not have the current calendar year date will be deemed null and void.
- 13.** Anyone found that has engaged in the duplication or counterfeit of the House's media credential will be permanently banned from receiving or being issued a media credential by the House.
- 14.** All rules specified heretofore may be changed at any time without notice by the House Communications Office with the approval of the Speaker.